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**This is an official  
MS Health Alert Network (HAN) Alert**

**MESSAGE ID:** MSHAN-20220225-00560-ALT (Health Alert)  
**RECIPIENTS:** All Physicians, Hospitals, ERs, ICPs, NPs, PAs, and  
Healthcare Providers – Statewide  
Friday, February 25, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** UPDATE: EVUSHELD for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis of  
COVID-19 in Special Populations

UPDATES

- Evusheld is a long-acting monoclonal antibody combination that has received Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the pre-exposure prophylaxis of COVID-19 in individuals 12 years of age and older with moderate to severe immune compromise or who are not recommended to receive COVID-19 vaccination due to a history of a vaccine contraindication ([Evusheld Healthcare Providers FS 02242022 \(fda.gov\)](#))
- The initial distribution of Evusheld in Mississippi targeted Cancer Treatment and Transplant Centers for prioritization of individuals in these settings.
- To date, only 17% of the current supply of Evusheld that has been distributed has been administered.
- To broaden availability and increase utilization, the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) is encouraging interested healthcare providers to request Evusheld for their facilities, and to **no longer restrict patient selection** to only those within the highest tier risk groups.
- **Please note that FDA has revised the EUA for Evusheld, increasing the authorized dosage to 300mg of tixagevimab and 300mg of cilgavimab. Patients who have already received the previously authorized dose (150 mg of tixagevimab and 150 mg of cilgavimab) should receive an additional dose of 150 mg of tixagevimab and 150 mg of cilgavimab as soon as possible to raise their monoclonal antibody levels to those expected for patients receiving the higher dose. See [FDA authorizes revisions to Evusheld dosing | FDA](#) for full information.**

MSDH recommends utilization of Evusheld for pre-exposure prophylaxis in all adults and pediatric individuals (12 years of age and older) who:

- Have moderate to severe immune compromise due to a medical condition or receipt of immunosuppressive medications or treatments and may not mount an adequate immune response to COVID-19 vaccination, OR



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- COVID-19 vaccine is not recommended due to a history of severe adverse reaction (e.g., severe allergic reaction) to a COVID-19 vaccine(s) and/or COVID-19 vaccine component(s).

**Evusheld is NOT authorized for use in individuals:**

- **As treatment of SARS-CoV-2 infection.**
- **As a replacement for COVID-19 vaccination in those for whom the vaccine is recommended.**

Mississippi receives weekly allocations of Evusheld that are distributed by MSDH to providers. To request Evusheld to administer to qualifying patients in your facility, please fill out this survey:

[EVUSHELD FOR COVID-19 PREVENTION \(ms.gov\)](#)

Fact sheets:

- [Evusheld Healthcare Providers \(fda.gov\)](#)
- Upon administering, patients must be given a copy of the “Fact Sheet for Patients, Parents, and Caregivers” [Evusheld Fact Sheet for Patients, Parents And Caregivers \(fda.gov\)](#)



**Alerting Message Specification Settings**

**Originating Agency:** Mississippi State Department of Health  
**Alerting Program:** MS Health Alert Network (MS HAN)  
**Message Identifier:** MSHAN-20220225-00560-ALT  
**Program (HAN) Type:** Health Alert  
**Status (Type):** Actual ()  
**Message Type:** Alert  
**Reference:** MSHAN-00560  
**Severity:** Unknown  
**Acknowledgement:** No  
**Sensitive:** Not Sensitive  
**Message Expiration:** Undetermined  
**Urgency:** Undetermined  
**Delivery Time:** 600 minutes

**Definition of Alerting Vocabulary and Message Specification Settings**

**Originating Agency:** A unique identifier for the agency originating the alert.

**Alerting Program:** The program sending the alert or engaging in alerts and communications using PHIN Communication and Alerting (PCA) as a vehicle for their delivery.

**Message Identifier:** A unique alert identifier that is generated upon alert activation (MSHAN-yyymmdd-hhmm-TTT (**ALT=Health Alert**, **ADV=Health Advisory**, **UPD=Health Update**, **MSG/INFO=Message/Info Service**)).

**Program (HAN) Type:** Categories of Health Alert Messages.

**Health Alert:** Conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.

**Health Advisory:** Provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.

**Health Update:** Provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.

**Health Info Service:** Provides Message / Notification of general public health information; unlikely to require immediate action.

**Status (Type):**

Actual: Communication or alert refers to a live event  
Exercise: Designated recipients must respond to the communication or alert  
Test: Communication or alert is related to a technical, system test and should be disregarded

**Message Type:**

Alert: Indicates an original Alert



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**Update:** Indicates prior alert has been Updated and/or superseded  
**Cancel:** Indicates prior alert has been cancelled  
**Error:** Indicates prior alert has been retracted

**Reference:** For a communication or alert with a Message Type of “Update” or “Cancel”, this attribute contains the unique Message Identifier of the original communication or alert being updated or cancelled. “n/a” = Not Applicable.

**Severity:**

**Extreme:** Extraordinary threat to life or property  
**Severe:** Significant threat to life or property  
**Moderate:** Possible threat to life or property  
**Minor:** Minimal threat to life or property  
**Unknown:** Unknown threat to life or property

**Acknowledgement:** Indicates whether an acknowledgement on the part of the recipient is required to confirm that the alert was received, and the timeframe in which a response is required (Yes or No).

**Sensitive:**

**Sensitive:** Indicates the alert contains sensitive content  
**Not Sensitive:** Indicates non-sensitive content

**Message Expiration:** Undetermined.

**Urgency:** Undetermined. Responsive action should be taken immediately.

**Delivery Time:** Indicates the timeframe for delivery of the alert (15, 60, 1440, 4320 minutes (.25, 1, 24, 72 hours)).